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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Have not *ad hoc* rules been framed for these posts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Rules have not been framed because we have not yet finalised the frame-work of the scheme. I may also add that sometimes when we post officers from various departments for this work, they are very unwilling to go and join these posts. They are not so attractive as their normal charge."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" Has any retired Government servant been appointed as Block Development Officer? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think any retired Government servant has been appointed."

Number of handloom exporters in South Arcot district.

* 304 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of handloom exporters in South Arcot district;

(*b*) the quota fixed for each of these exporters; and

(*c*) the basis on which the quota is fixed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Statistics relating to the number of handloom exporters in the South Arcot district are not available with the Government.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Any person can export handloom goods to permissible destinations without an export licence. Hence, the question of fixing quotas for export does not arise."

Imparting of instruction in the Government colleges in Tamil or the regional language.

* 305 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have addressed the University of Madras to permit the Government colleges in the State to impart instruction in Tamil or in the regional language;

(*b*) if so whether the University authorities have agreed to their suggestion; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, the Government have taken to impart such instruction in Tamil or in the regional language in all the Government colleges from the ensuing academic year and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education) :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) No steps have been taken by the Government in the matter. The matter is primarily one for the University to consider."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether Tamil as medium of instruction has been introduced in any of the Government or other colleges till now? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think Tamil has been introduced in any of the colleges as medium of instruction."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" May I just inform the House that six years ago, in the Government College, Coimbatore, Logic and History were taught in Tamil and also in the Salem College and lastly in the National College in Tiruchirappalli? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am quite well aware of it. Certain subjects used to be taught in Tamil. What I meant was Tamil as medium of instruction was not introduced in any college as a scheme."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Have Government taken any steps to remove the disabilities in the introduction of Tamil as medium of instruction in colleges, e.g., lack of suitable text books, necessary personnel with proper grounding in the languages, etc.? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have recently appointed a committee of experts with Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar as Chairman to determine suitable equivalents for the various international scientific and other terms in use now. This is the first step taken by the Government towards implementing the idea of introducing Tamil language as medium of instruction in colleges."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" Since the Expert Committee has been appointed to go into the question of introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in the colleges, may I know why Government have omitted to include in that committee any member from non-Tamil areas and why they have confined the membership only to Tamilians. If the question of language medium is to be considered, then Malayalam and Kanarese also are regional languages. May I know why members from these areas are not included in the Expert Committee? " 4-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As I said previously the appointment of this committee was the first step towards implementing the idea of making Tamil as the medium of instruction. This committee consisting of Tamilians has been constituted as a first step. When we see the progress of this committee, we can constitute experts among Malayalam and Kanarese speaking people."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the problem of training the necessary personnel for this purpose also be considered by the Committee."

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no question of going into this matter until we prepare the required text-books."

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" Are there non-experts in this Committee who will put forward the other view? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member may have his own individual opinion about the composition of this Committee and as to who are experts and non-experts."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I point out that apart from Tamil, Kanarese and Malayalam, quite a large number of Muslims are there in this State and their mother-tongue being Urdu, is it not necessary that those Muslim boys should be taught with Urdu as the medium of instruction in the colleges and therefore will the Government think of including experts in Urdu also in the committee? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" After Malayalam and Kanarese have been taken up, perhaps Urdu will be taken up." (Laughter.)

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Sir, a simple question is puzzling me. Is it a fact that English language is not being taught at all in any of these schools or colleges? If it is not the case, may I know in what language is the English language being taught? Is it being taught by Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam or Kanarese? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member who is a past Master of Arts knows too well that a language cannot be taught by another language."

Extra payment to teachers in aided elementary schools in the State.

* 306 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any orders have been issued to managements of aided elementary schools in the State to pay an extra sum of Rs. 3 to every teacher from 1st April 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the instructions issued to departmental officers to ensure such payment to all teachers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education) :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether Government have issued orders stating that this sum should reach the pockets of teachers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" If the hon. Member is interested in the money reaching the pockets of

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :— "That is possible, Sir."

Compulsory learning of Hindi by the Madras officials serving under the Government of India

* 353 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government have been consulted by the Government of Indlia in regard to compulsory learning of Hindi by the Madras officials serving under the Government of India;

(*b*) if so, whether it applies to the officials who are to be appointed in future, or also to existing officials; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the correspondence if any on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) This Government are not aware of any such proposal.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of a report, which appeared prominently in the Press, that officials serving in the Government of India are compulsorily learning the Hindi language? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am not aware of any such report. But I may tell the hon. Member that there is no such proposal that the Madras officials serving under the Government of India should be compulsorily made to learn Hindi."

Vanniakula Kshatriyas in public services

* 354 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the percentage of the Vanniakula Kshatriyas in the public services in relation to their population?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" The population strength of the Vanniakula Kshatriyas in this State is not given separately in the 1951 Census Report. Information as to their number in the public services is not readily available and collection of the information will involve much time and labour. Even if this information is collected it will not be possible to give the percentage of their representation in the services in relation to their population as the population strength is not known."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Sir, is there even one District Collector among the Vanniakula Kshatriyas? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know about that, Sir. The hon. Member may give the information."

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 25th August 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Use of Tamil as the official language in the Madras State.

* 356 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any steps to encourage the use of Tamil as the official language in all taluk offices in the Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" As hon. Members are no doubt aware, official proceedings and correspondence in the Tiruchirappalli district are being carried on in Tamil since 1948 as an experimental measure. In paragraphs 373 and 374 of the report of the District Revenue Administration Enquiry Committee, copies of which were recently placed on the table of this House, the Committee have made certain observations on this question and these are under examination."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Sir, the question is whether in all the taluk offices in the Madras State, the use of Tamil as the official language is being tried. May I know whether the experiment is being carried on in all taluk offices? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. That is under examination."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister now assured the hon. Member that the question of using Tamil as official language in all the taluk offices was under consideration. May I request the Hon. Minister to exclude the taluks of Malabar and South Kanara districts from the experiment? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have not given any such assurance. I only stated ' that is under examination ', that is, that proposal."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" How far this scheme has worked well? Was it more efficient comparatively? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I must confess Sir, I am not quite well satisfied with the working of the scheme."

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I know the causes why the scheme has not worked well? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There have been various causes. Sometimes, those who are asked to assist the administration to Tamilize the various terms have suggested unintelligent and ununderstandable terms. That is one cause and there are other causes also."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" May I know whether the Collector submits any reports on the working of the scheme and whether they would be placed on the Table of the House? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no particular report that is being received from the Collector regarding the working of the scheme that could be placed on the Table of the House."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" சென்ற ஒரு கூட்டத்தில் கனம் அமைச்சரவர்கள், ' நாளை நான் திருச்சிக்குப் போகிறேன். கனம் டி. எம். நாராயணசாமி பிள்ளை அவர்களும் அங்கு வருவாராலல், திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி ஜில்லாவில் நிர்வாக மொழியாகத் தமிழை பரீட்சார்த்தமாக எற்படுத்தியதில் என் சரியாக நடைபெறவில்லை ? என்ன கஷ்டங்கள் இருக்கின்றன, எப்படி நிவர்த்திக்கலாம் என்பதை கலெக்டருடன் கலந்து ஆலோசிக்கலாம்' என்று கூறினர்கள். அந்தப் பகுதியில் எதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக் இறதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அது கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்களைக் கேட்கவேண்டும், என்னிடம் ஒன்றும் தகவல் இல்லை."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Will the Government accept definite and concrete proposals from the hon. Member Sri Gajapathy Nayagar who knows more about the subject, if that is done, the scheme is bound to work well in future? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Certainly, Sir. Government will gladly welcome all constructive, practical proposals. I was just mentioning that one factor that did not contribute to the successful working of the scheme was the difficulty in finding suitable and understandable terms. I heard, Sir, that a letter addressed to an Executive Engineer, who was described in a Tamil term, did not reach him but only reached the Dead Letter Office."

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" In the absence of adequate technical terms in our language, why not we adopt the same words from the English language, if those words can be pronounced and spelt by us in Tamil properly? If a direction to that effect goes from the Government, surely they will follow."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, that is my own view unless there are already standardised Tamil words, which are in usage and which could certainly be used, although some extremely orthodox people may not agree with that."

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SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" தமிழிலே சரியான சொற்கள் இல்லாததினால் சரியானபடி அரசாங்க அலுவல்களை தமிழிலே நடத்த முடிய வில்லை என்று கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். ஆகவே, நிர்வாகத்திற்கு தகுந்த சொற்களை பொறுக்கி எடுப்பதற்காக ஒரு தனிக் கமிட்டியை அரசாங்கம் ஏற்படுத்துமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" தமிழிலே சரியான சொற்கள் இல்லை என்று ஒருக்காலும் நான் சொல்லவில்லை. சொல்லவும் மாட்டேன். தமிழிலே சொற்கள் இல்லாமல் இல்லை. ஆனால், நாம் பிரயோகிக்கிற வார்த்தைகள் சில புரியாதனவாக இருக்கின்றன. இதையெல்லாம் ஆராய்ந்து எந்த விதத்திலே தாலூகா காரியாலயங்களிலே தமிழிலேயே நிர்வாகத்தை நடத்துவது என்ற முயற்சி செய்யப்பட்டு வருவதால், இதுபற்றி வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கைகளையும் அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துக்கொண்டுதான் வருகிறது."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" When the Government consider this question of making the vernacular the official language in taluks, will the Hon. Minister take into consideration the suitability of adopting Malayalam language in some taluks of the Malabar district also? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that Government do consider without any doubt or hesitation that Malabar does form part of the State of Madras to-day."

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM :—" தமிழிலே பேசப்படும் இப்பொழுது பழக்கத்தில் உள்ள வார்த்தைகளையே என் புகுத்தி அதையே என் செயலில் கொண்டுவரக்கூடாது என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அதை அவசியம் செய்யலாம். அதற்கு ஒன்றும் தடை இல்லை. "

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" தாலூகா ஆபீசு, கலெக்டர் ஆபீசுக்கு வரும் தமிழ் மனுக்களை திருப்பி அனுப்பும்போதாவது ஆரம்ப முயற்சியாக பதில் தமிழிலேயே தெரிவிக்கப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" தாலூகா காரியாலயங்களில் அலுவல்களை தமிழிலேயே நடத்துவது என்ற முயற்சி எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டு நிறைவேற்றப்படும் பொழுது அதையெல்லாம் கவனிக்கப்பட்டுத்தான் வரும்."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Question No. 357 will be taken up to-morrow."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir, I may not be in Madras to-morrow. Will you please take it up the day atfer to-morrow? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" That is on the 27th? Yes, we will take it up on the 27th."

Recommendations of the Rice Milling Committee.

*358 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Rice Milling Committee appointed by the Government of India for the replacement of rice mills by the hand-pounding industry; and

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 26th August 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Replacement of English by Hindi as the official language of the Union Government.

* 361 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the programme and proposals mentioned in the brochure issued by the Union Ministry of Education to replace English by Hindi as the official language of the Union Government; and

(*b*) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to implement the direction of the Centre?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) This Government have not received the brochure issued by the Union Ministry of Education on the subject.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்திய அரசாங்கக் கொள்கையிலே இந்தியை பரப்புவதற்காக அதை மூன்று கட்டங்களாகப் பிரித்து முதல் கட்டத்தில் நிர்வாகத்திற்கான கலைச் சொற்களைத் தொகுக்கவும், இரண்டாவது கட்டத்தில் உயர்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளில் கட்டாயமாக இந்தியைப் பாடமாக்கவும் அபிப்பிராயம் என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறது. அதேமாதிரி இருந்தால், நம்முடைய அரசாங்கத்தின் அபிப்பிராயம் என்னவென்று நான் அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தின் கொள்கையைப்பற்றி என்ன சொல்லப்பட்டிருந்தாலும், இந்த அரசாங்கத்தின் கொள்கை முன்னமேயே நன்கு விளக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister, Sir, what, in his opinion, is the place of Hindi language? Is it an ancient language? Or has it grammar? Has it got literature? What kind of language is it to be forced upon us? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no question of forcing that language on us. About its place in the languages of the world, if the hon. Member is very much interested to know, he must put a separate question."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" மத்திய அரசாங்கம் இந்தியை 15 ஆண்டுகளுக்குள் அரசாங்க மொழியாகக் கொண்டுவரவேண்டும் என்று சொன்னபோதிலும், மேலும் தவணை வேண்டும் என்று கேட்பதாக கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் முன்பு கூறினார்கள். இப்பொழுதும் அவர்கள் அதே கருத்துடன்தான் இருக்கிறார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அரசாங்கம் முன்பு வெளியிட்ட கருத்திலிருந்து இப்பொழுது ஒன்றும் மாற்றிக்கொள்ள வில்லை."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, is there any other State in India, particularly in South India, which rasists the forcing of this Hindi on it? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know whether what the hon. Member said about the resistance to the forcing of Hindi applies to this State. About other States, I have no information."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Do this Government believe that English will be replaced by Hindi, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no question of believing or not believing. That may have to be ultimately done."

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" Sir, in view of the fact that our Constitution says that Hindi should become the national language of India, is it not to be the endeavour on the part of the Government to see that at least in course of time Hindi becomes the national language and that we should also move in that direction? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is perhaps the correct position."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I ask, Sir, whether any definite attempt is being made or positive steps taken by the Members in the Cabinet to learn Hindi so that they may serve as an example to others? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Members in the Cabinet will certainly take all steps to equip themselves fully for discharging their duties."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" பதினன்கு தேசிய மொழிகளில் இந்தியும் ஒரு மொழிதானே. அப்படி இருக்கும்பொழுது, இந்தியை தேசிய மொழி அல்லது அரசியல் மொழி ஆக்குவதில் என்ன கருத்து? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தின் பாஷையாக இந்தியை அமைப்பது என்பது இந்தியாவிலே பெரும்பாலானவர்கள் அந்த மொழியைப் பேசுவதால்தான்."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, nobody thinks that our Ministers in the Cabinet are not discharging their duties properly. My only question is whether any attempt is being made collectively or individually to learn Hindi so that they may not be at a disadvantage when they go to Delhi for discussions in future? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Whenever any Member of the Cabinet or the Cabinet feel that they suffer from any disadvantage by not equipping themselves in Hindi, they will certainly take steps to equip themselves. That is what I said before."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, that is a large question and I cannot give a complete answer to that now. Anyhow, if a separate question is put, I shall try to answer it."

Periods of work for Language Pandits in High Schools.

* 373 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred Legislative Council Question No. 15 answered on 29th December 1953, at what stage the question of reducing the minimum number of periods of work in High School classes insisted on for eligibility to I grade scales of pay in the case of Language Pandits stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Finance) :—" There is no proposal to reduce the number of periods of work in High school forms for language Pandits other than Hindi Pandits so as to enable them to get pay in the Grade I scale.

" The question was however considered in respect of Hindi Pandits, and deferred as provision has since been made under Part II of the First Language, which will increase the number of periods of study of Hindi."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the figures were gathered as to the additional amount that would be required if the limit were reduced to 16 periods? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the Government would kindly consider the claims of Tamil and other language Pandits to be placed on a par with those teaching English at least now when there is much pressure from the public to recognise the value of Tamil? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question."

Introduction of single point sales tax.

* 374 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to introduce single point sales tax on certain commodities like yarn, oil, etc., as an experimental measure?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is no such proposal at present. The Government propose to hold a conference of officials and non-officials shortly to discuss matters relating to sales tax. The question whether single point tax can be levied on any, and if so, on what articles will also be considered then."